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SUBJECT: AP STORY ON US TRACK AND FIELD TEAM COACH

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM PEKING-BASED CORRESPONDENTS THAT AP REPORTER ACCOMPANYING TEAM FILED STORY THIS MORNING SAYING

U.S. TRACK AND FIELD TEAM HEAD COACH ROBERT GIEGENGACK WAS HOSPITALIZED IN PEKING AND DID NOT RETURN HOME ON DEPARTING PLANE THIS MORNING. STORY IS ERRONEOUS. GIEGENGACK WOKE UP WITH A FEVER EARLY THIS MORNING AND BECAUSE OF HIS ADVANCED AGE AND KNOWN DIABETIC CONDITION, IT WAS AGREED THAT HE WOULD GO TO THE HOSPITAL FOR A QUICK CHECKUP TO SEE IF HE WAS ABLE TO TRAVEL. U.S. PHYSICIAN ON TEAM ACCOMPANIED HIM TO HOSPITAL. TESTS WERE NEGATIVE EXCEPT FOR FLUOROSCOPE OF CHEST WHICH CHINESE THOUGHT MIGHT INDICATE PNEUMONIA, BUT AMERICAN DOCTOR ASCRIBED TO OLD SCAR TISSUE. GIEGENGACK, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE U.S. PHYSICIAN, DECIDED TO GET ON AIRCRAFT AND RETURN WITH TEAM. HE WAS GIVEN MEDICATION TO LOWER FEVER.

2. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT INFORM AP OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. AP REPORTER MAY NOT HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO KILL STORY BEFORE BOARDING THE AIRPLANE.

3. DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO WANT TO INFORM GIEGENGACK'S DAUGHTER, MRS. JANE TEAGARDEN OF BRONXVILLE, N.Y. (TEL 914-793-9254, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RPT 914-793-0254) OF FACTS IN THE CASE IF IT APPEARS ERRONEOUS

AP STORY MAY BE PRINTED. IRVING KINTISCH OF THE GROUP PLANS
TO CALL HER WHEN THE GROUP REACHES SEATTLE. BUSH

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